

REMARKS

The claims were amended in the Amendment under Article 34 filed on May 23, 2005. A copy of the Amendment under Article 34 is attached. The Claim Listing sets forth all pending claims which are being presented here for the record. A "Related Applications" paragraph has been added. No new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

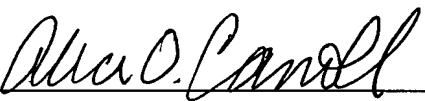
An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith to cite references from the PCT Search Report. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

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